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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: C. Chen et al.  
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Entitled: METHODS OF PATTERNING PROTEIN  
AND CELL ADHESIVITY

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

✓ Please cancel without prejudice claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 14-16, 20-23, 26, 28-31, 34-36, 39-40, 43-45, and 48-63.

3. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the surfactant compound comprises one or more hydrophobic regions and one or more hydrophilic regions.

4. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the surfactant compound comprises one or more hetero atoms.

a! 5. (amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the surfactant compound comprises one or more alkoxy groups.